

THE SULU TREATY COMPACT.

The full text of the treaty with the Sulus has been made public and the letter and spirit of it more than justifies the belief that has prevailed that it is the most disgraceful business the United States has ever engaged in. Human slavery is recognized and protected; polygamy is recognized and protected; and Mohammedanism is recognized as the state religion and protected accordingly. And not only so, but the sultan and his nine chiefs are paid a regular monthly salary out of the treasury of the United States for no service rendered or to be rendered other than the recognition of the sovereignty of the United States over the archipelago as long as the salaries are promptly forthcoming.

The following are some of the restrictions put upon the Americans: They shall not as citizens or soldiers encroach upon the lands in, about or near the residence of his royal highness, the sultan, which means that the harems of the emperor and his chiefs are to be protected from the eyes of the curious; they may possess themselves of real estate elsewhere if the sultan is willing and the owner of the property is disposed to sell, if native refugees from justice or tyranny seek protection in American settlements or at military posts where the stars and stripes are floating they must be surrendered at once to the officers of his highness to the end that they may be drawn or quartered; or both, as his serene highness shall feel like meeting out to them.

There shall be free trade between the Sulus and the Philippines when carried on under the American flag. The principal imports of the archipelago are slaves, silk and cotton cloths and the arms, and the principal exports are pearl and mother of pearl, which are found in large quantities on nearly all the coasts. The sultan has always restricted international trade to barter. That is, the pearls are exchanged for silk and cotton goods and cash or cash balances of trade are not permitted. That sounds reasonable enough, for the ten harems of the sultan and his nine chiefs would naturally require large quantities of silk and cotton goods to keep up with Worth's "concerts," "poems" and "dreams" in tailor made costumes; and in this connection it might be interesting to the tax payers of the United States to know that they are putting up cold cash every month to give tone and splendor to these ten harems.

There is another feature or provision in the treaty which the people of the United States may or may not be pleased with. The sultan becomes a vassal of the United States forever, but retaining for himself and his chiefs all "the rights and dignities" of their highness, one of the rights being the murdering of "Christian dogs" on the anniversary of the birth of Mohammed, the prophet of Allah. This "forever" provision obligates the United States to fight the battles of his serene highness should a foreign power go to fooling with him, and also that the United States will never, never sell its right and title to the sultan without his permission. As there is not another nation under the shining sun that would buy an emperor on such free and easy terms the sultan may content

his barbarian but sharp business in peace. His "snap" will run on undisturbed until the people of the United States write "cancel" across the treaty, but meanwhile the president of the United States will see to it that a "protected" syndicate gets the last one of the pearls and mother of pearls; that slavery has all the protection that "the flag" means in a colonial empire way waving over it; that Mohammedanism is held out as the state religion, that Americans are to keep a sufficient distance for safety "from the lands immediately about the residence of his highness."—Kansas City Times.

REDUCING MISSOURI'S DEBT.

Jefferson City, Mo., Dec. 15.—State Treasurer Pitts to-day forwarded to the American Exchange Bank of New York, the State's fiscal agent, his check for \$795,000 for 3 per cent option bonds of the State, which the Fund Commissioners have ordered redeemed. He also sent another check for \$63,735 to pay the interest on the bonded debt due on January 1.

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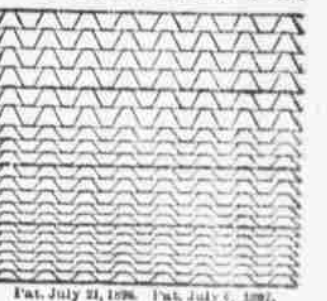
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